

**CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OPEN
SPACE PRESERVATION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER ONE**

MINUTES

of the

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I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee Meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District Number One was called to order by the Chair, Melvin J. Remba, at 7:18 p.m. on October 10, 2007 at the Sooky Goldman Nature Center in Franklin Canyon Park, 2600 Franklin Canyon Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210.

II. Administration of oath of office to new member.

New member, Michelle Fleenor, was not present.

III. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Cassandra Barrere; Beth Dymond; Orrin Feldman; Carol Sidlow; Roberta Cummings; Art Pollyea; Joan Luchs; Pam Cooke, Vice-Chair; and Melvin J. Remba, Chair. Quorum was present. Karen Brooks was absent.

Ginny Kruger arrived subsequent to roll call.

Staff present: Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel; and Tammy Lee, Board Secretary.

Public members present: Richard Trainee and Patricia Bell Hearst.

IV. Approval of minutes from meeting of April 24, 2007

On motion of Mr. Feldman, duly seconded, the minutes from the meeting of April 24, 2007 was adopted by Ms. Barrere, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Feldman, Mr. Remba, Ms. Sidlow, and Mr. Pollyea. Ms. Luchs voted against the adoption of the minutes from the meeting of April 24, 2007

[Ginny Kruger arrived at 7:21 p.m.]

V. Chairperson's Report.

Comments were made by the Chair.

- VI. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda. Public testimony will also be taken before each public hearing item.**

No comments were made.

- VII. Reports from staff:**

- (a) Update on acquisitions since April 24, 2007 meeting;**

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Dymond.

Comments were made by Ms. Cooke and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

- (b) Status report on each area in District One;**

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

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Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Dymond and Ms. Kruger

[Staff Counsel arrives at 7:31 p.m.]

Questions were propounded by Ms. Sidlow.

Comments were made by Ms. Kruger.

Questions were propounded by the Chair, Ms. Kruger, and Staff Counsel.

Comments were made by Ms. Kruger, Staff Counsel, the Chair, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Dymond.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resource and Planning, Ms. Kruger, the Chair, and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by Staff Counsel.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Ms. Kruger.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Staff Counsel, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Sidlow, Ms. Barrere, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

[Michelle Fleenor arrives at 7:46 p.m.]

The Chair announced to revisit Agenda Item II.

II. Administration of oath of office to new member

The Chief of Natural Resources and Planning administered the Oath of Office to Michelle Fleenor.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

Comments were made by Ms. Fleenor and the Chair.

VII. (b) Status on acquisitions since April 24, 2007 meeting;

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

(c) Fair Political Practices Commission filing requirements;

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from Staff Counsel were provided direction to the Citizens' Oversight Committee regarding required financial disclosures pursuant to the MRCA's conflict of interest code.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pollyea.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Fleenor.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were made by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Feldman, Staff Counsel, and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel, the Chair, Ms. Cooke, and Ms. Luchs.

The Chair announced to revisit Agenda Item VI.

VI. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda. Public testimony will also be taken before each public hearing item.

Comments were made by Mr. Bruce Trainee.

Comments were made by Ms. Luchs.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Luchs and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

VIII. Discussion of designation and independent auditor for District revenue and expenditures.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and the Chair.

On motion of Ms. Kruger, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-08 was unanimously

adopted.

- IX. **Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority add APNs 4370-029-900; 4371-005-901; 4371-006-900; 4371-007-900; 4371-008-900; 4371-009-900; 4371-013-900; 4371-015-901; 4371-016-900; 4371-018-900; 4371-019-900; 4371-020-900; 4371-023-900; 4371-024-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4371-025-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4371-027-900, 901, and 902; 4371-028-900, 901, and 902; 4371-030-900; 4371-031-900, 901, 902, 903, 904, and 905; 4371-032-900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 906, 907, and 908; 4371-033-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4371-034-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4371-035-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4371-036-900, 901, 902, 903, and 904; 4371-037-900; 4371-038-900, 901, and 902; 4371-039-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4371-040-900, 901, and 902; 4371-041-900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, and 907; 4371-042-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4371-046-900, 901, 902, 903, and 904; 4377-013-900; 4378-014-900; 4379-003-905; 4379-004-907, 910, 912, 914, and 915; 4379-006-902 and 903; 4379-012-900 and 906; 4379-013-900, 903, 904, and 905; 4379-014-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4379-015-903 and 907; 4379-020-900, 901, 902, and 903; 4379-022-900; 4379-023-900 and 901; 4379-024-901 and 902; 4380-003-900 and 901; 4380-006-900; 4380-009-900; 4380-011-900; 4380-015-900, 902, and 903; 4380-016-900; 4380-018-900, 901, and 902; 4380-019-900; 4380-021-900 and 901; 4380-002-902; 4380-022-900; 4380-024-901; 4380-028-900; 4380-029-900; 4380-030-900, 901, and 902; 4380-031-901; 4380-032-900; and 4380-029-900 in Acquisition Area B, to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the said amended report.**

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Dymond.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Sidlow.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and the Chair.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pollyea.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning and Ms. Cooke.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Hearst.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Staff Counsel, and Mr. Feldman.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Pollyea.

On motion of Ms. Barrerre, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-06 was unanimously adopted.

- X. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority add APNs 5585-003-900, 5585-005-900, 5580-016-900, and 5577-020-900, in Acquisition Area E, to the District No. 1 Engineer's Report and determining that the expenditure of Assessment District funds to acquire said properties is consistent with the criteria and requirements established in the said amended report.**

The Citizens' Oversight Committee received a verbal report from the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Pollyea.

Comments were made by Mr. Feldman, the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and Mr. Pollyea.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Kruger.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Luchs.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by Ms. Kruger.

On motion of Mr. Pollyea, duly seconded, Resolution No. 07-07 was unanimously adopted.

XI. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Pollyea.

Comments were made by Ms. Luchs.

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Feldman, Ms. Dymond, Mr. Pollyea, and the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Feldman.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, Mr. Feldman, and Ms. Hearst.

XII. Statements, questions, or directions to staff pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(a) which states the following:

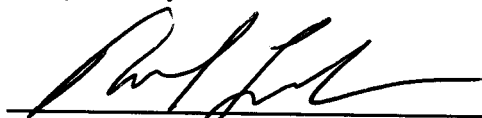
"No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3. In addition, on their own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, a member of a legislative body or its staff may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement, or make a brief report on his or her own activities. Furthermore, a member of a legislative body, or the body itself, subject to rules or procedures of the legislative body, may provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda."

Comments were made by the Chair.

X. Announcement of next meeting and adjournment.

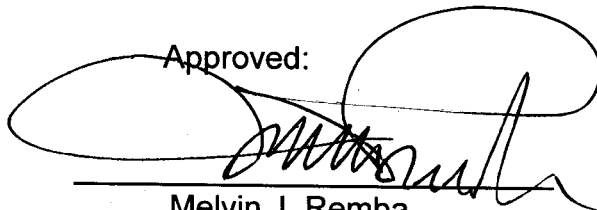
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2007

Respectfully submitted:



Paul Edelman
Chief of Natural Resources and Planning

Approved:



Melvin J. Remba
Chair